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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO POSTPONEMENT OF FAHD'S VISIT

LONDON PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR AKINS

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1. HEADLINE OF JIDDA'S LEADING DAILY AL-MADINA MAY 20 QUOTES DEP
FONMIN MAS'UD AS SAYING "PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE ARAB
REGION HAVE LEAD TO A POSTPONEMENT OF THE VISIT OF HIS
ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE FAHD TO AMERICA". STORY PROCEEDS,
"HIS EXCELLENCY SHEIKH MOHAMMAD IBRAHIM MAS'UD, DEPUTY
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, GAVE STATEMENT TO THE SAUID
NEWS AGENCY IN WHICH HE REFERRED TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF
THE VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE FAHD BIN ABDUL AZIZ
TO AMERICA. HIS EXCELLENCY SAID THAT THE POSTPONEMENT OF
THE VISIT CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE CONDITIONS PREVAILING
IN THE ARAB REGION WHICH GIVE HOPE FOR ATTAINING--IF GOD
WILLS--THE IMPROVEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED.

....." SUBSEQUENTLY, MAS'UD SAYS "THERE IS A VERY GREAT

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HOPE INDEED FOR AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION IN

VIEW OF THE EFFORTS BEING EXPENDED WITH REGARD TO THE
RESTORATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND THE
RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

2. THE ARTICLE ALSO GIVES CREDIT FOR THE GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EASTERN SCENE TO THE GUIDANCE
AND LEADERSHIP OF KING FAISAL.

3. COMMENT: MAS'UD'S PRESS STATEMENT, AND THE HOPEFUL
ACCOUNTS ELSEWHERE IN THE PRESS ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S NEGOTIATIONS
IN DAMASCUS AND JERUSALEM, SHOULD DAMPEN SPECULATION THAT
FAHD VISIT POSTPONED AS A SIGN OF DISPLEASURE WITH
US MIDDLE EAST POLICY.
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